

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

The Heavens and the Earth Belong to the Lord February 28, 2017 Suzi Armstrong

Deuteronomy 10.14

Behold, **to the LORD your God belong heaven and the highest heavens, the earth and all that is in it.**

Genesis 1.1-2

¹ **In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.** ² The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.

Nehemiah 9.6

You alone are the Lord. You have made the heavens, The heaven of heavens with all their host, **The earth and all that is on it,** The seas and all that is in them. **You give life to all of them** And the heavenly host bows down before You.

Isaiah 48.13

Surely My hand founded the earth, And My right hand spread out the heavens; When I call to them, they stand together.

Colossians 1.15-17

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, **the firstborn of all creation.** ¹⁶ **For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible,** whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ **He is before all things,** and in Him all things hold together.

The heavens and the earth belong to God alone. He is the creator and possessor of the heavens and earth. The heavens and the earth declare His glory. We see His signs in the sky and His beauty throughout the earth. The nations are His. The peoples are His. Day and night are His. God Himself put time into the earth – time belongs to Him. He is the Ancient of Days. Almighty God changes the times and the seasons. God gave stewardship of the earth to man, but God is in charge.

This past weekend, witches gathered across this nation to release curses over President Trump and his followers. When I sought the Lord about this, asking Him what He was saying, He clearly said the heavens and the earth are Mine.

We declare the heavens and the earth belong to the Lord. All power and authority is His. All dominion is His. Times and seasons belong to God. He is above all that is visible and invisible. His name is above every name that is named now or will be named in the future. Detroit belongs to the Lord and this nation belongs to the Lord. Our president and all of our governmental authorities are the Lord's. The hearts of kings are in His hand. This is Truth and Truth prevails and supersedes all else.



Every power and principality of the air, all evil has been defeated. Through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, powers and authorities have been disarmed and He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. The nations, people groups, those in authority, the heavens and the earth do not belong to Satan. The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it!

This year is a year of the clashing of swords. The sword is the word. We are seeing, hearing and witnessing such anger and bitterness between philosophies, politics, ideas and special interest groups that want to possess the earth. The release of witchcraft over our nation is part of this war of words, the clashing of swords. The word of the Lord is SHARPER than any two-edged sword. There is no other word that can overcome the word of the Lord. The Lord watches over His word to perform it. It will not return void. In an old season, the sound of witchcraft may have brought fear or intimidation. But NOW we know who we are in Christ, and we know the power of the cross.

On Sunday as I stood as a watchman on the wall before our service, Holy Spirit showed me that heaven had come down. Heaven had come closer to the earth. The sound of heaven becoming louder and more clear. This is our sound. This is the sword in our hand.



Isaiah 27.1

In that day the LORD will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent,
With His fierce and great and mighty sword,
Even Leviathan the twisted serpent;
And He will kill the dragon who *lives* in the sea.

Revelation 19.14-16

¹⁴ And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white *and* clean, were following Him on white horses. ¹⁵ **From His mouth comes a sharp sword,** so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. ¹⁶ **And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."**

Job 38.12-15 NIV

¹² Have you ever given orders to the morning,
or shown the dawn its place,
¹³ that it might **take the earth by the edges
and shake the wicked out of it?**
¹⁴ The earth takes shape like clay under a seal;
its features stand out like those of a garment.
¹⁵ **The wicked are denied their light,
and their upraised arm is broken.**



Jesus said, I don't speak my own ideas and agenda. The sound I release is the sound of my Father in heaven. Jesus humbled Himself in total obedience to Father God. He said not my will but Your will be done. This is how Jesus lived His life.

We speak not the words of political or religious spirits, not the words of the world systems, not the words of principalities and powers of the air. But we speak the word of the Lord.

Romans 10.8-10

⁸ But what does it say? **"THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART"—that is, the word of faith** which we are preaching, ⁹ that if you confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; ¹⁰ for **with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.**

- This scripture is not just about salvation.
- God's word is near us – His word, the sound of heaven – is right there. Just like it was for Jesus.
- We take that word He is speaking. We believe it. We speak it. The result is the word brings freedom.
- The word of the Lord contains His governing power that changes everything – aligning everything with His purposes, His power and His authority.
- We hear His word – then we pray, speak, declare, prophesy (not what we think His word would be – this is not done through assumption).
- We hear. His word is near us – in our heart and in our mouth.

Jeremiah 5.14b

...Behold, I am making My words in your mouth fire...

Isaiah 43.10-13

¹⁰ **"You are My witnesses," declares the LORD,**

"And My servant whom **I have chosen,**
So that you may **know and believe Me**
And **understand that I am He.**

Before Me there was no God formed,
And there will be none after Me.

¹¹ "I, even I, am the LORD,

And **there is no savior besides Me.**

¹² "It is I who have declared and saved and proclaimed,

And there was no strange *god* among you;
So you are My witnesses," declares the LORD,
"And I am God.

¹³ "Even from eternity I am He,

And there is none who can deliver out of My hand;

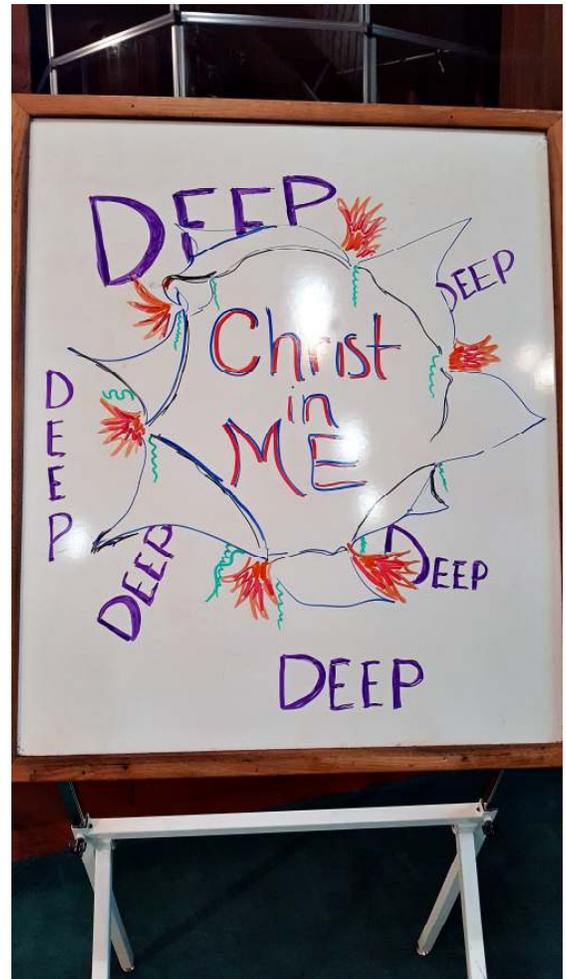
I act and who can reverse it?"

Pastor Pete Dresser:

The royal priesthood – an emerging Body with heaven's power

Jesus is forming a company of people in metro Detroit who, like the apostle Paul, can say: "We are... always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body." (2 Corinthians 4.10) The very Presence of God is manifesting among these people – crushing Satan under their feet – as they offer up spiritual sacrifices. This "royal priesthood" (1 Peter 2.9) is not a concept, but a real body of believers growing in maturity and increasing in heavenly influence in the region.

- The Holy Spirit infusing your core with Christ's death so that Christ's life might manifest in your body.
- The grace of God enabling you to "put off the old man" and live in Christ's once-for-all destruction of your sinful, dysfunctional, rejected, cursed self.
- The voice of Jesus teaching you to "put on the new man" created by God in true righteousness.



- The Spirit of God removing a hard heart and giving your sincere and fervent love for your brothers and sisters.
- The call of the Father to live in holiness and carry His presence into your sphere.
- The fire of God consuming such spiritual sacrifices as lifting holy hands, proclaiming praise, prayer in the Spirit, and giving offerings.
- The Word of God shaking all control from your life and bringing you into the Kingdom of God.

"ENCOUNTER"

- E.** Enter in
- N.** Now is the time
- C.** Costly anointing
- O.** Outrageous grace
- U.** Unique patterns
- N.** New pathways
- T.** Time alone
- E.** Excel, pursue
- R.** Real realities (Christ is reality)
Christina Wilson

